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Applicants : Robert R. Brubaker, Vladimir L. Motin  
And George B. Smirnov  
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Title : A RECOMBINANT PLASMID AND A METHOD OF  
CONTROLLING THE EFFECTS OF *YERSINIA*  
*PESTIS*  
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**PRELIMINARY  
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Sir:

Preliminary to the first Office Action,  
Applicants amend and remark as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this  
paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 21 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 22 of this paper.